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Sunday 22 November 2026
CHRIST THE KING
34th Week of the Year

Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat): 6pm
Sunday: 9.30am and 11am

Mon—Sat: 9.30am

Baptism—Sunday 22nd
Nathan Donegan

Funerals this week:

Tuesday 24th — *Jane Rooney*
(Reception Monday 6.30pm)

Wednesday 25th —
Richard Evans (11.30am)
NB: No 9.30am Mass

Thursday 26th—
Caroline McShane

Catholic Education Week

Mon 23rd—2pm
Prayer service with Parents

Thurs 26th—2pm
Mass in St George Primary

Church Opening times:

The church will be open from 8am until around 6pm—extended on evenings when Mass or devotions.

Confessions:

Fridays at 6pm-7pm with
Blessed Sacrament adoration

Perpetual Succour Novena
Monday evenings 7pm

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Many thanks to everyone who supported last week's Table Top Sale. We raised **£552.24,** which will help Asher, our altar server parishioner, attend the World Youth Day in South Korea, next August.

Pope Leo's message for World Youth Day

Take courage! I have overcome the world

Dear young people,

I wish to reach out to each of you with this message and, above all, to give thanks to God for the gift that you are to the Church and to society. He knows you, loves you and accompanies you on your journey through life. His Spirit inspires in all of you the same desire for things that are great and lasting, and moves you to seek freedom and truth.

I wish to entrust to you the words of Jesus: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (*Jn* 16:33).

Many of you carry questions and concerns that weigh heavily on your hearts. Perhaps you are anxious about the future, feel pressured to succeed and appear perfect, or experience the stress of constantly comparing yourselves with others or with unattainable, manufactured ideals. Some of you know what it means to experience loneliness, disappointment or the fear of not being good enough.

It is in circumstances like these that we hear the Gospel's invitation to take courage. Jesus comes toward his disciples and says to them: "It is I; do not be afraid". This is the assurance I wish to place in your hearts: even before you begin to seek Christ, he is already seeking you, walking across the troubled waters of life.

When we reflect on how Christ conquered the world by loving it, we come to understand that Christian courage is not courage *against* something or someone, but courage *for* something: for life, for truth, and for freedom.

Christ does not call you to flee from this world, but to see it through his eyes and touch it with his love. Jesus did not love the world from a distance. He experienced joy and friendship, but also hardship, rejection, loneliness and suffering, without ever closing his heart.

You, too, live in a world created good, yet wounded — a world full of possibilities, yet marked by injustice, tensions and fears. Many long for peace but encounter violence; for communion but experience loneliness.

Amid these contradictions, Christians are called to follow Christ in his gentle courage: the courage to show love when harshness seems easier and more effective; the courage to seek peace when confrontation appears more advantageous; and the courage to hold fast to hope when cynicism seems more convincing.

When we hear the word "victory," some might think it means being stronger than others, asserting ourselves or constantly having to prove our worth. But those are the kinds of victories promoted by the prevailing mentality — the victories of a world without God.

Dear young people, true victory does not lie in seeking to prevail over others, but in giving yourselves to them. By following the path opened by Jesus Christ, you too have no need to impose yourselves, to constantly prove your worth, to appear perfect or to conceal your weaknesses, doubts and limitations.

Have the courage to be your true selves before God and others. Your dignity does not come from the image you manage to create for yourselves. You are precious because you have been created in the image of God, known by him and loved by him.

Many regard love as a form of weakness, but Christ shows us that it is a source of freedom and strength.

Do not wait until you are perfect before opening yourselves to Christ. He comes to meet you just as you are. Open your lives to Christ.

Do not settle for a life that falls short of the one to which Christ calls you. Allow yourselves to be united and transformed by his love.

FR JOE'S BIG NIGHT

It was a wonderful testament to Fr Joe Boyle's ministry in OLSG, over 11 years, that so many people came together on Friday night for the Mass of Thanksgiving, and to toast his health and wellbeing in 'retirement'. Fr Joe even treated us to the hanky-waving chorus of *The Island of Tiree*. Thank you to all who made the preparations and ensured the success of the night, especially those who contributed music and verse, and hospitality to cater for the big turnout.

We pray for those who have died recently:
Frances Duffy, Catherine Bryceland, Caroline McShane, Jane Rooney, Winnie Kelly, Richard Evans, Bishop Peter Moran, Fr Pat Osborne

Those whose anniversaries are about now:
Jim Murphy, Donnie MacNeil, Brian Gannon, Alex Buik, Bernadette Gray, Harry Duffy

SPRED Catechist Appeal

Our small SPRED group is urgently asking parishioners to consider becoming a catechist. We will shortly be losing catechists, and, at the same time, we have a friend with learning disabilities hoping to join our group. A training session will be starting soon. Contact Lisbeth at Glasgow@spred.org.uk or on 0141 770 5055.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Honours the partnership between families, parishes and schools in nurturing the faith of children and young people.
This year's theme, ***To Know God, Love God, Serve God,*** expresses the heart of Catholic education. Through prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments and witness, we come to know God and discover His love for us, and are then called to share that love in service. Our parish has its part to play in this mission, helping our young people grow in faith and use their gifts for others.

QUIZ AFTERNOON
Friday 27th Nov, 1.30pm
Mill Hill Missions
Lourdes Ave, Cardonald
£5 (Tea/Coffee)

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Prizes include £100, M&S Gift Voucher, Hamper, Wine, Glasses and more
Tickets available after each Mass this weekend

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

There's been a request for the Bible Study to be repeated in the day time for those who do not want to come out at night. If there is sufficient interest, consideration would be given to running it from the start on a Wednesday morning, beginning January. Let David Ashman know if you are interested (07807 683711). Thursday group continues as normal; meet this week 7pm.



Solemnity of Saint Andrew

Archbishop Nolan will preside at Vespers (Evening Prayer) on the Vigil of St Andrew's Day, Sunday **29th November** at Saint Andrew's Cathedral at 7pm. All are invited to this celebration as we honour Scotland's patron Saint.

Parish Dance & Social

Saturday 5 December
Stewart Stevens Sound
Bar -- Bingo -- Raffle
Doors open 7.15pm
Admission – £3:00

Freedom from Torture is dedicated to the healing and protection of torture survivors living in Scotland. You're invited to support this work by buying the charity's Christmas

Glasgow—Bethlehem *Heart to Heart*

An opportunity to pause, turn our hearts towards Bethlehem and remind its Christian community that they are remembered and loved. Bringing people together across the miles through music, reflection and prayer for peace.
Saturday 28 November, 2.30pm
St Andrew's Cathedral. Music from the choir of St Aloysius College and a live link with Christians in Bethlehem.
Entry is free, everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS FOODBANK FILLERS

The foodbank, run through the St Vincent de Paul, is hoping for a boost in donated food supplies leading up to Christmas, as need becomes greatest at this time of year. Please see the notice in the porch for a full list of items requested. Among those required are **Tinned Meats and Fish, Toiletries, Selection Boxes, Christmas Cakes & Puddings, Fancy Biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Cleaning materials**. Trays for donated items are in the church porch. Donation of strong carrier bags also appreciated.